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Dear Josh:

We have done very little more with the B/1, twp inhibitor^s and have no plans for a concentrated ^{new} ~~pursuance~~ of the problem. We managed to get a partial isolation on paper chromatograms and Tom Bird was planning to follow up on its characterization after he left here. He is now in Youman's department at Northwestern and my last contact with him indicated that his interests have shifted. About 90% of our information is contained in the published paper. We have made no studies on reversal of the inhibition. The use of tryptophane would be particularly ticklish since this would support growth, though it could be tested after penicillinase treatment.

Please feel free to follow any leads which you may find, including isolation and characterization of the inhibitor. The problem is in public domain.

I note that you will be at Haverford on March 12th. Is your schedule flexible enough to let me take you to lunch or dinner? At any rate, I plan to attend your lecture and will see you then.

Sincerely,



Joseph S. Gots

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